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RE: APPROVAL RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON SOUTH FIELD PHASE II DESIGN

Dear Mr. Reising:

This letter provides Ohio Environmental Protection Agency approval of the responses to our comments on Design for the Remediation of the Great Miami Aquifer South Field Phase II Module. We approve the design without conditions, but we would like to re-iterate our concerns expressed in comment # 12 about the lack of an analysis of the mass balance output from the model. We acknowledge DOE's commitment to develop software programs that will allow the mass balance analysis to be more readily performed and we believe that mass balance will be an important tool to assess the progress of the remediation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Ontko or me.

Sincerely,

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